

DIARY NOTES

4 May 1960

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3. There was an accident today at Langley; apparently a cable broke allowing the scaffolding at the power building to fall. Ten people were hurt, seven of them very seriously. At this point one of the ten has died and another remains on the critical list. In discussing this with all those interested, and particularly with [REDACTED] who is representing Stan Grogan, I stated that our attitude should be that we had "no comment" and that this was a Tompkins/Jones problem. I authorized the Security Officer at the site to permit photographers to enter the area if Tompkins/Jones had no objection.

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4. [REDACTED] telephoned to complain that he was being pestered for personnel in connection with [REDACTED] by entirely too many people. Inasmuch as I had received similar complaints from the Offices of Security and Logistics, I telephoned [REDACTED] and told him to talk to [REDACTED] and get this matter straightened out. Among other things, I told him that he should designate someone as a focal point to coordinate all requests for DD/S personnel.

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6. [REDACTED] telephoned to say that if we were going to request postponement of the Machine Translation Project for one week DD/I would like to postpone it for two weeks. I said that I had no objection to this but insisted that I was not prepared to vote on this Project without having it considered by the Automatic Data Processing Committee. I also told him I was aware of the fact that it had been suggested to [REDACTED] that this Project be put through the Committee some time ago and that I thought it was regrettable that he had declined to follow this course of action.

7. Ed Saunders reported that Frank Ecker, Bureau of the Budget, had requested permission to advise the Sprague Committee of the amount of money in our Contingency Reserve. I told him that he should deny this request and advise the Committee that if they wanted to know this they should address their question to the Director.

8. Attended the Career Council Meeting to discuss the Inspector General's "Survey of the Career Service." Almost none of the Inspector General's recommendations was accepted by the Council. Specifically:

a. It was agreed to establish a Personnel Development Board under the Chairmanship of the Director of Personnel but without the authorities which the Inspector General had recommended. The authority of the Board will be more in line with that recommended by Gordon Stewart in his paper on this subject;

b. The CIA Career Council is not to be dissolved, nor is the Supergrade Review Board. It was agreed, however, to disestablish the Selection Board and the Examining Panels. In other words, in the future the Head of each Career Service will select personnel into his Career Service;

c. The proposal to reorganize the Career Services along occupational lines was soundly vetoed.

d. The proposal to limit membership in the Career Staff was also vetoed with the modification that personnel should not be accepted until they had reached the age of twenty-five. The three-year waiting period is to be maintained;

e. It was agreed to rescind Regulation [REDACTED] "Career Planning for Individuals", and to discontinue the Career Preference Outline. However, it was clearly understood that there was no objection to any Career Service Head who so desired continuing the Outline or substituting some individualized planning paper; and

f. The general idea of preparing a brochure explaining the purpose and objectives of the Career Service Program was indorsed with the full recognition that it would be some months before such a brochure could be prepared and distributed.

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